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Sleepy cat corner at Another, State, and Never.  
 My camera-eye commands through the highball tongue-twist,  
 The slipping lip of this vital source neon  
 inside the drink and down my spine  
 (the white cushioned life of those bones,  
 moving with serpent knowledge,  
 a sideways slither shaking the cold dust  
 of a hardwood window sill floor  
 on a burn out summer day).

Jumbled the many step dance devours  
 the shading veils from a cigarette  
 on a wasting table oasis of hermaphrodite fashion.  
 In the face of a sunbeam, eyeblink wrinkles crack  
 as a pillar giving smoke and a place to float  
 and dust a definition.  
 The light like a warm shoulder rested on my chair,  
 wired eyes signal the barkeep and watch his plaintiff  
 masquerade of innocent deception.

"Grey green, the grass is grown,"  
 as he checks the bottle rain gage.  
 He sees a bird trapped in a cage of arms  
 and purrs a prowl dreaming hopes  
 of a successful catch, staring blank  
 and forward up past the wire breath support,  
 tracing the crackle branch  
 and limp frown cocktail leaf falling  
 to the ground beneath her feather end.

Her water-color hip stained a  
 grace reflection in the picture glass.  
 exercising a mantra glance  
 towards the concrete mirrors of the sun's gelatin  
 waves of sweat for the cats held captive  
 in the sidewalk arms of the corner.